

March 29, 2006

Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

Reference: CGB-CC-0199

Dear Sir or Madam:

I have before me your letter of February 21, 2006. You have been expecting further communication from me including an affidavit supporting our request for an exemption from closed captioning requirements. Thank you for your patience.

On March 23, our media ministry was awarded a financial gift that will allow us to purchase both the hardware and software needed to begin closed captioning. On March 24, I began the process of ordering the various computer components and associated hardware to permit us to use MacCaption software with a new Power Mac and Final Cut Pro. I will order this software as soon as I can verify that the new Power Mac and its capture card will work with a demo version of MacCaption.

The ramp-up time to placing this new editing station online and functioning properly should be accomplished within the next three weeks. The testing of the demo software is likely to take another week or more. We will attempt to integrate voice recognition software for scripting. We would then immediately order the fully operational software and begin to learn the new system and train several volunteers to use it.

It is our hope to be operational and have our program closed captioned at the soonest possible moment. We are not holding back in any way as evidenced by ordering the parts to build this edit station the day after the funds became available.

My request with this letter is to ask for your consideration of a delay in mandating compliance until July 1, 2006. We hope to be running by May 1, 2006 but cannot anticipate equipment compatibility issues, unforeseen circumstances as volunteers are enlisted to learn and help operate this system, and other emergencies that are beyond our control.

Would you allow us this sort of extension or even longer if it is permissible?

Very truly yours,

Greg Golden, Media Pastor
Cottage Hill Baptist Church, Mobile, Alabama



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April 5, 2006

Cottage Hill Baptist Church
Greg Golden
4255 Cottage Hill Rd.
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Mr. Golden,

The Federal Communications Commission (Commission) received the letter you sent on behalf of Cottage Hill Baptist Church (Cottage Hill) dated March 29, 2006, in response to the Commission's request for supplemental information, dated February 21, 2006, and Cottage Hill's petition for exemption from the closed captioning requirements based on the undue burden standard. Your letter states that Cottage Hill hopes to start closed captioning its programming by May 1, 2006, but asks the Commission for a "consideration of a delay in mandating compliance until July 1, 2006."

Cottage Hill's petition (CGB-CC-0199) remains pending before the Commission, and pursuant to the Commission's rules, while a petition is pending before the Commission, the video programming that is the subject of the petition is considered exempt from the closed captioning requirements.

Once you begin to close caption your programming, please notify the Commission via letter immediately, and the Commission will dismiss the petition as moot. We cannot, however, allow the petition to remain pending in perpetuity. Therefore, if the Commission does not hear from Cottage Hill by July 1, 2006, we will proceed with further action on the petition. Please send the notification letter to

Amelia Brown, Disability Rights Office
Federal Communications Commission

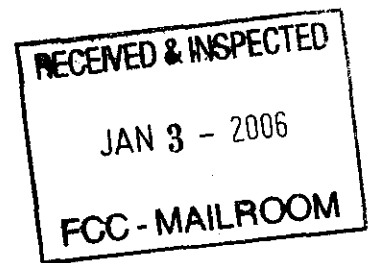
Please follow the directions found at www.fcc.gov/cgb/dro/caption_exemptions.html for mailing or delivering materials to the Commission, and include the case identifier CGB-CC-0199 on your letter. Please contact me directly if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amelia Brown".

Amelia Brown
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RE: Exemption from Closed Captioning – Financial Burden

December 30, 2005

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter regarding the television outreach ministry of Cottage Hill Baptist Church in Mobile, Alabama. Our weekly 30 minute television program is named "The Cross Connection" and airs on WKRG-TV.

Cottage Hill Baptist Church is an advocate of Closed Captioning as evidenced by our utilization of this service to our audience dating back to 1993. Several years ago, for financial reasons, we had to leave one of the primary television stations in our market and place our program on a cable access channel and a low power UHF station. One or both of these did not support the closed captioning option for playback, so we discontinued using the equipment that we had acquired for this service to our audiences.

Currently, a sizeable percentage of our programming is "open captioned" through use of text displays of Bible scriptures and sermon points.

We want to begin closed captioning in the future but it would be an enormous burden to purchase the hardware and software to do this at the present time. Our church membership is 30% less than it was five years ago. Contributions to the church are not meeting budget requirements. We have made staff reductions to remain viable. There are no funds budgeted or available for the equipment or outsourced closed captioning service in the foreseeable months. We make no solicitation of donations through our television program and the broadcast time expense is paid strictly from general church offerings. All television personnel labor (taping) is donated except for my salary, and the majority of my duties relate to in-house technical needs, not broadcast television.

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We pray that you will permit us to have a full exemption from the closed captioning requirements, at least through 2006 through an "undue burden waiver". We broadcast only four programs a month. We have no telethons or fund-raising efforts. We can no longer use the old closed captioning device that we purchased in 1993 because of repair problems, technical support, and compatibility with current equipment. We are in the process of trying to find and pay for suitable software/hardware to begin our closed captioning work again, but anticipate that it may take much of this year to come up to speed with this effort. We want to comply fully, but need more time to do so.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Golden", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Greg Golden
Director of Media Ministries

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WKRG-TV